

**BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of )  
 ) MUR 5077  
Golding 98 Congress and )  
William L. Golding, as treasurer )

**CONCILIATION AGREEMENT**

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. The Commission found probable cause to believe that Golding 98 Congress and William L. Golding, as treasurer ("Respondents"), violated 2 U.S.C. § 434 (a)(2)(A)(i).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and the Respondents, having duly entered into conciliation pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(A)(i), do hereby agree as follows:

I. The Commission has jurisdiction over the Respondents and the subject matter of this proceeding.

II. Respondents have had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.

III. Respondents enter voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.

IV. The pertinent facts in this matter are as follows:

1. Golding 98 Congress is a political committee within the meaning of 2 U.S.C. § 431(4).
2. William L. Golding is the treasurer of Golding 98 Congress.
3. Mr. Golding was a candidate for the House of Representatives in Florida's 15th Congressional District, the general election for which was held on November 3, 1998.

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4. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, ("the Act") requires treasurers of the principal committee of a candidate for the House of Representatives or for the Senate to file periodic reports of receipts and disbursements. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(1). A House of Representatives candidate's principal campaign committee, in an election year, must file a pre-election general report. 2 U.S.C. § 434 (a)(2)(A)(i). The report must be filed no later than the 12<sup>th</sup> day before the election and must be complete as of the 20<sup>th</sup> day before the election. Id.

5. Respondents were required to file their 1998 12 Day Pre General Report by October 22, 1998. To date, Respondents have not filed the report.

V. Respondents failed to file their 1998 12 Day Pre General Report, in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434 (a)(2)(A)(i).

VI. 1. Respondents will pay a civil penalty to the Federal Election Commission in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(5)(A), and pay it in four monthly installments of Two Hundred & Fifty Dollars (\$250) each.

2. Respondents will file the following overdue reports within the thirty (30) day time period set out in paragraph IX:

- 12 Day Pre General Report,
- 1998 30 Day Post General Report,
- 1998 Year End Report,
- 1999 Mid Year Report,
- 1999 Year End Report,
- 2000 Mid Year Report,
- 2000 Year End Report, and
- 2001 Mid Year Report.

VII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this agreement or any requirement thereof

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has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

VIII. This agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.

IX. Respondents shall have no more than thirty (30) days from the date this agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirements contained in this agreement and to so notify the Commission.

X. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained in this written agreement shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

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BY:

Rhonda J. Vosdigh 8/2/01  
~~XXXXXX~~ Rhonda J. Vosdigh Date  
 Acting Associate General Counsel

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:

R. H. L.  
 (Name)  
 (Position) Counsel

August 29, 2001  
 Date

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